

IN THIS COUNTRY, THE NATIONAL PROSPERITY PRESERVATION ACT HAS LONG BEEN IN EFFECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING ITS CITIZENS REALIZE AND REMEMBER THE VALUE OF LIFE.



UNLESS FACED BY DEATH, THE VALUE OF LIFE CANNOT BE UNDERSTOOD...

NANO-CAPSULES INJECTED INTO THE SYRINGES WILL CAUSE ONE PERSON OUT OF A THOUSAND TO DIE, AT A PRE-DETERMINED TIME, BETWEEN THE AGE OF 18 AND 24.



EVERY CITIZEN IS INOCULATED WITH A "NATIONAL AFFAIRS VACCINATION" UPON ENROLLMENT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.



HOWEVER, THEIR ADVANCED NOTICE OF DEATH - THE INJECTION, WILL ONLY BE DELIVERED INTO THEIR HANDS A mere 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THEIR DEATH.

THERE IS NO TIME TO THINK - ONE MUST ACT FAST.



EVEN WHEN IN DESPAIR, THINKING "WHY ME...?", TIME STILL FLOWS.

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ERR...I'M
HANDING
BACK YOUR
MIDTERMS
NOW.

WHEN I CALL
YOUR NAME,
PLEASE COME
UP TO GET
YOUR TEST
PAPER.



YONEDA
AM-
SURI

THE ONLY WAY
NORTH KOREA IS
CLOSED IS TO
POUR OUT WITH
A BOMB
OF BLOOD

TELEVISION
HTON!

NO
CONCEALED
MONEY, IT
LIVE THIS

ANDOU
BONSA-
HRO -

THE
ONLY WAY
NORTH KOREA IS
CLOSED IS TO
POUR OUT WITH
A BOMB
OF BLOOD

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A BOMB
OF BLOOD









EH, I KNOW.

AND I'D START WONDERING HOW THEY'LL SURE ON ME THIS TIME.

RECENTLY MY HEART STARTS POUNDING WHENEVER STUDENTS COME NEAR ME.



EVEN THOUGH HE TOOK TRANQUILIZERS TO CALM DOWN.

IN THE END HE STILL COULDN'T KEEP UP WITH IT...

YOU KNOW, KID, KID, KID, THAT REMINDS LAST YEAR AT FIRST IT WAS ONLY JUST AN INTEREST TOO, BUT THEN HE STARTED MAKING HIS CLASH AND FELT SOMETHING ALL THE TIME -

YOU GOTTA BE CAREFUL THOUGH.



WELL KIDS, I'M LIKE THAT TOO!

BUT I'M ACTUALLY MORE SPENT DEALING WITH PARENTS



I WASN'T LIKE THIS BEFORE,

BUT NOW, WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT KIDS, I HAVE COLD SWEAT ALL OVER -



BARELY, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT THEIR KID MIGHT BE DOING SOMETHING WRONG.



A COUPLE DAYS AGO I SCOLDED A STUDENT THAT DOODLES IN MY CLASS.

BUT THE PARENT CAME UP TO ME AND SAID, "THE WAY YOU SCHEDULE YOUR CLASSES MUST BE WRONG. WHAT WE NEED IS MORALIZED EDUCATION THAT RESPECTS THE INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM OF A CHILD!" -





EVERYONE
GOES
THROUGH A
STAGE LIKE
THAT.



THERE'S NO
WAY WE'LL
TURN OUT
ANY GOOD
WITH THE
KIND OF
FORTUNATE



BUT STILL, WE
HATE NO IDEA
WHAT WE REALLY
WANT TO DO OR
WHAT WE REALLY
WANT TO
BECOME.

WE'RE TO BUY
THINGS
BETWEEN HOME,
SCHOOL, AND
OUR SCHOOL
EVENING?



WHERE IN
THE
WORLD
HAVE YOU
BEEN?

SOU-
ICHI!







SAKANoue-
SENSEI...TODAY, HAVE
I BECOME A WARM-
HEARTED TEACHER
JUST LIKE YOU -



"YOU'RE
INNOCENT"...
THOSE WORDS
SAVED ME.



IF WE PULL IT
OFF, THAT
SHIT-FOR-
BRAIN'LL BE
FIRED, FOR
SURE

IT'S
COOL,
ISN'T
IT?



STICKING HIS
NOSE IN
OTHER
PEOPLE'S
BUSINESS...

THE
TURD'S
DAMN
ANNOYING.



YOU'RE
HELPING
ME, RIGHT?

THANKS,
MAN.



I FUCKING
HATE
HYPOCRITES
LIKE HIM.

AND HE
KEEPS
SAYING SOME
"CHILDREN
ARE
INNOCENT"
BULLSHIT -



HER
BROTHERS
IN GRADE 1.



ALSO
ASK
BRIKO.



YEAH, I
THINK
THAT,
TOO.



USE HER LIL'
BRO TO
THREATEN
HER. SHE
CAN'T
REFUSE.



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ALRIGHT,
LATER.











TAMURA-
SENSEI...

YOU PEEP AT
FEMALE
STUDENTS
WHEN THEY'RE
CHANGING.



WAS
THAT
RIGHT,
SENSEI?

MY
DAUGHTER
SAID YOU
SHE TOLD
ME

YOU WERE IN
THE GIRLS'
CHANGE ROOM
IN THE GYM
YESTERDAY,
TAKING
PICTURES

HISHI?

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THE SUICEDOM GAMES





DON'T TELL
ME
SOMEONE
TOOK MY
PHONE,
AND...IS

MY
CELLPHONE'S
BEEN MISSING
THE LAST FEW
DAYS -

NOT
HERE,
EITHER.



CELL-
PHONE...?



WHY
NOT?

IF YOU DIDN'T
DO IT, YOU HAVE
NOTHING TO
HIDE. SHOW IT
TO US!



TH-
THAT'S
KIND OF...



BUT WHAT IF
SOMEONE
ACTUALLY USED IT
THESE COUPLE OF
DAYS TO...

JUST
SHOW
THEM AND
BE DONE
WITH IT.

TH-
THAT'S
KIND OF...



NOT
GOOD...



I HAD
NOTHING TO
DO WITH THIS
PEEPING
BUSINESS...!!

WAIT A SECOND,
MAYBE I'M THINKING
TOO MUCH INTO IT...
THERE SHOULDN'T BE
ANYTHING IN MY
PHONE...



I REALLY
AM
INNOCENT
HERE!!

THAT'S RIGHT, I
JUST HAVE TO
SHOW THEM...







EH, THEN THAT
MEANS, ISHI-
KACHOU IS
AGAINST THE
NATIONAL
PROSPERITY
PRESERVATIONS
ACT?



A LONG
TIME
AGO...?



AND EVEN
THAT WAS
A LONG
TIME AGO.

NO NO,
THAT'S NOT
IT, TOGHON-
KUN

IT'S I USED
TO BE
AGAINST IT.



WELL, IT'S
JUST AN
EXCURSIVE
PERIOD. I
ALMOST
COULD TELL
YOU.



YEAH...



THAT
REALLY
WAS A
LONG TIME
AGO.

AH,
THAT I
KNOW...

OUR COUNTRY AND
THE VICTORIOUS
COUNTRIES OF WAR
SIGNED A MILITARY
AGREEMENT, CALLED
THE "TREATY OF
SAFETY
IMPLEMENTATION"...

56
YEARS
AGO,



IT WAS
IMPLEMENTED
THE
FOLLOWING
YEAR.

...THE NATIONAL
PROSPERITY
PRESERVATIONS
ACT WAS
INCLUDED IN
THAT TREATY.

YEAH.



CITIZENS OF THE
TIME DEMANDED
THAT THE MMPA
BE ABATED.
MASS
MOVEMENTS
WERE INITIATED.

8 YEARS
LATER, THE
TREATY
WAS
REVISED...

YOU
LEARNED
THIS AT
SCHOOL,
RIGHT?

YEAH.



THAT MOVEMENT
WAS CALLED "THE
STRUGGLE OF
SAFETY
IMPLEMENTATION."



I
SEE.

IN THE END, AN
AMENDMENT
WAS PASSED
BY FORCE, AND
THE NPPA WAS
CONTINUED.



CITIZENS HAVEN'T
YET REALIZED
THAT THE NPPA
IS A WAY TO
CONTROL ONE'S
LIFE AND DEATH...

BUT, AT THAT
TIME, THE
FIRST
RECOVERERS
OF THE
VACCINATION
WAS ONLY 14.



STUDENTS OF THE TIME
WANTED COLLEGES TO
BE DISASSEMBLED;
OPPPOSED WAR; THEY
HAD REALLY WANTED TO
CHANGE THE SOCIETY.



A STUDENT
MOVEMENT
BEGAN, CENTRED
AROUND THE
"SENKYODOU"
STUDENT
ORGANIZATION

YET,
ANOTHER
8 YEARS
LATER...



THE FIRST
DEATHS BY
THE NPPA
OCCURRED.

IN THE
HEAT OF
THE
MOVEMENT...



AND THE
STUDENT
MOVEMENT
ESCALATED.

ALL OF A
SUDDEN, THE
NPPA
BECAME A
REALITY.

THE
CRISIS
WAS
GREATLY
HIDDEN.

I, TOO,
PARTICIPATED
IN THE
MOVEMENT.

I WAS A
COLLEGE
STUDENT AT
THE TIME...



I DID.
WHAT A
SHAME.



THEN, YOU
MARCHED IN
THE
OPPOSITION
PARADES
TOO?



AH, THAT'S
WHY YOU SAID
YOU USED TO
BE AGAINST
IT...



TRUTH IS, WE
DIDN'T
ACTUALLY HAVE
ANY
SUBSTANTIAL
THOUGHTS OR
BELIEFS.

IT WAS
LIKE
EVERYONE
WAS ILL
WITH
PYREXIA -

IT MIGHT
SOUND LIKE I'M
MAKING UP
EXCUSES, BUT
EVERYONE DID
IT AT THE TIME.



THAT'S
WHY I
SAY,
SHAME.



BUT YOU
ENDED UP
DOING THIS
LINE OF WORK
AFTERWARDS.



AS THEY SAY, IF
YOU CAN'T BEAT
THEM, JOIN
THEM... YOU
MIGHT BE
HAPPIER THIS
WAY.

IN THE END,
YOU REALIZE
THAT NO
MATTER WHAT
YOU DO,
NOTHING'S
GOING TO
CHANGE.



REALLY
...

THEY DON'T
PAY YOU
ENOUGH INTO
ANYTHING, AND
THEY DON'T
GET
DISAPPOINTED...

IF YOU THINK
ABOUT IT, THE
YOUNGSTERS
THESE DAYS
HAVE A MUCH
QUARTER WAY
OF LIFE.



HAH...



KACHOU,
THANK
YOU FOR
SHARING
THAT WITH
ME.

AH,
IT'S
TIME.

I
SHOULD
GET
GOING
NOW.





IT'S JUST THAT
THEY NOW HIDE
THEIR EXPLOSIVE
ENERGY IN THEIR
HEART AWAY FROM
THE ADULTS.

I'VE HAD FIRST-
HAND EXPERIENCES
WITH THE PERVENT
EMOTIONS OF
TODAY'S YOUNG
ADULTS.

THEY DON'T DIVE HOT-
HEADED INTO
ANYTHING, AND THEY
DON'T GET
DISAPPOINTED...? I
DON'T THINK SO.

I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT,
EVEN WITHOUT
SOMETHING LIKE THE
IKIGAMI, THEY WILL
CONTINUE LIVING
HONEST AND
HONOURABLE LIVES.







!!!

HER MOTHER IS ALSO NOT HAPPY WITH THIS. SHE REFUSED YOU FOR ANOTHER TEACHER- PARENT MEETING. DON'T SHE?



THAT ANJANA ERIGO HADN'T BEEN TO SCHOOL SINCE.

-BUT I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!

IF YOU JUST TALK TO ANJANA AGAIN, AND ASK HER CAREFULLY



TH-THAT'S NOT RIGHT! I'M INNOCENT!

SO WHEN



OF COURSE, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO TEACHING.



IF YOU ADMIT IT NOW, I'LL TALK TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND HOLD THIS INCIDENT DOWN.



SO HURRY UP AND HAND IN YOUR RESIGNATION.



BECAUSE, WE CANNOT KEEP A PERVERT IN OUR SCHOOL.



I DIDN'T DO
IT! I'M
INNOCENT
...!!

NO,
PLEASE
BELIEVE
ME...















I
WILL GO
BACK...

NEAR-
MINE, I'LL
GET UP
AND
PREPARE
TO GO
BACK INTO
TEACHING.



THE CHILDREN ARE
INNOCENT... WELL,
I'LL WAIT UNTIL
YONGHEA DECIDES TO
TELL THE TRUTH
HIMSELF.



COMING.
WHO IS
IT?

IT'S PULMAOTD
FROM
WUJIAANG-GU
DISTRICT
RECH-TEAR.



YEAH.
WHAT IS
IT?



DISTRICT
RECH-
TEAR?

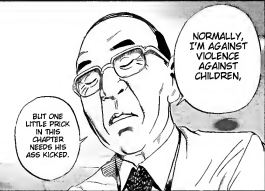


TAMURA
SOICHI-
SAN.

I'M HERE
TO DELIVER
YOUR
IKIGAMI.



COUNTDOWN TO TIME
OF DEATH, 23H 58MIN
REMAINING



BUT ONE
LITTLE PRICK
IN THIS
CHAPTER
NEEDS HIS
ASS KICKED.

NORMALLY,
I'M AGAINST
VIOLENCE
AGAINST
CHILDREN,

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Act 2





THAT'S...
YOU
KN'T IT?



AN ENGLISH
TEACHER AT
MUSASHIGAWA
NO. 3 JUNIOR
SCHOOL,
CURRENTLY ON
LEAVE -

I'M LOOKING
FOR A TAMURA
GOUCHI-SAN,
24 YEARS OLD,
AT MYUKA
AREA 5-D-22,
MUSASHIGAWA
DISTRICT...



THAT'S
ME...
YEAH.



I'M ALSO A
PUBLIC
WORKER, I
UNDER-
STAND...
BEING A
TEACHER
MUST BE
HARD
TOO



HE LOOKS
AWFUL.

ON
LEAVE,
HUH...







HER
LOVER..?



HUH,
WHY DID
I HIDE
MYSELF?



SHE HAS THE DAY
OFF..SHE HAS A
BOYFRIEND, OF
COURSE THEY'LL
GO ON A DATE.

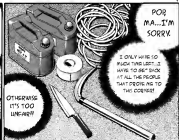




16H 4MIN REMAINING











BUT OF COURSE I CAN'T BE A TEACHER FOREVER.

MY BODY CAN'T TAKE IT, AND CHANGING CAREERS WILL ONLY GET HARDER.

15H 30MIN REMAINING



AS LONG AS I KEEP THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAPPY, I CAN KEEP LIVING A CARE-FREE LIFE.

I JUST HAVE TO TELL THE FRONT-LINE TEACHERS TO DO EVERYTHING.

NO KIDDING. GOOD THING I BECAME A PRINCIPAL EARLIER ON.



IT WAS QUITE A DRAINING JOB.



WHO DO YOU THINK IT IS? IT'S 60 LATE.

COM-ING.



H- HONEY









I DON'T
HAVE A
FUTURE
TO SPEAK
OF.



IKISAMI
...!



O-O!
WHAT'RE
YOU DOING?





AND LET
THE
WORLD
KNOW MY
ANGER.

I'M
GOING TO
BURN
YOU TO
DEATH.

I QUESTION
THAT TO
THE WHOLE
WORLD.

ARE IN
CHARGE OF
AN
INSTITUTION
OF
EDUCATION.
HOW CAN
THIS BE
JUST?

PEOPLE LIKE
YOU, WHO DON'T
KNOW AND DON'T
BOTHER WITH
THE FEELINGS OF
THE STUDENTS
OR THE
TEACHERS,



ISN'T THIS
EXACTLY WHAT
IT MEANS TO
"DIE FOR
NATIONAL
PROSPERITY?"

PLEASE... I
APOLOGIZE...

P-PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME...!!

D-
DON'T
DO IT!





SAVE
YOUR
PLEADING

FOR
HELL.





13H 02MIN REMAINING

武蔵川第三中学校



WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND THE SUSPECT IN NO TIME.

WE'RE FINE. WE'VE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS ON THE ROAD, AND ASKED THAT THEY LEAVE NO BLIND SPOTS DURING PATROL.

HOW IS THE PATROL GOING?

I'VE CONTACTED ALL THE STUDENTS IN GRADE 2, CLASS 2, ASKING THEM TO TAKE REFUGE HERE.

WHEN BOTH PARENTS WERE HOME, THE FATHER WAS ASKED TO STAY AND GUARD THE HOUSE.



I
FRAMED
HIM.

NO...HE'S
NOT A
PERVERT.
AND
NOBODY
EXPOSED
HIM...



HE WANTS
REVENGE
BEFORE HIS
DEATH!





IS SHE
SCREWING
AROUND
EVEN
NOW...!?



WOULD HE
HAVE A
REASON
TO BE
THERE AT
ALL?

10 MINUTES
AGO, A MAN
RESEMBLING
HIM WAS SEEN
AROUND THE
MONAMBASHI
AREA



GENGEL A
REPORT ON
TAHURA
SOUNCHI
JUST CAME
IN...



EH...ISN'T
THAT...

MONAMBASHI...
BASHI...



MONAMBASHI
AREA...?



IT MUST
BE HARD
ON YOU
TOO...

BUT
CHILDREN
ARE
INNOCENT.



COULD YOU
TELL ME
YOUR
MOTHER'S
OTHER
RESIDENCE?





D-DON'T TELL
ME HE WENT
TO GET
MOTHER -





I'M
MITSURU-
KUN'S
SCHOOL-
TEACHER.

MY
NAME IS
TAMURA.

COUNTDOWN TO TIME
OF DEATH, 11H 59MIN
REMAINING



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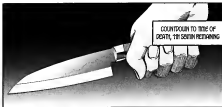
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COUNTDOWN TO TIME OF
DEATH, TEN SEVEN FIFTYNINE



WHY ARE
YOU
HERE?

HEY,
YONEDA'S
MOTHER



WHY ARE YOU NOT WITH YOUR CHILD?



UH ...



HOW COME YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOR YOUR OWN SON?

YOU HAVE ENOUGH LOVE FOR OTHER MEN.

YOUR SON FEELS EMPTY IN HIS HEART,

ONLY A MOTHER'S LOVE COULD FILL IT...



AND THAT RUINED MY LIFE...

BUT YOU DIDN'T LOVE HIM.



WHY DID I END UP LIKE THIS TODAY?

BECAUSE FATHERS LIKE YOU EXIST.

WHY ARE CHILDREN SO TODAY AND WEIRD? BECAUSE FATHERS LIKE YOU EXIST.



...



R-
REALLY...
I'M... I'M
SORRY
J

UH, UM... IF
IT'S
SOMETHING
INTSURI
DID... I
APOLOGIZE...



THAT'S
RIGHT,

CHILDREN
ARE
INNOCENT.

THAT'S
WHY, THE
PARENTS
...

**Must
pay!!**









AND YOU
DON'T
KNOW
HOW TO
DEAL WITH
THE
WOUND.

YONEDA...
YOU'VE
BEEN HURT
BADLY BY
THESE
STUPID
ADULTS...



SO
LEAVE IT
TO ME.



BUT
SENSEI
DOES.



All you have
to do is find
the stupid
adults
around you,
and



IT'S
SIM-
PLE





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**You
know
it
too!!**

**The
only
one at
fault is
me!!**



It's got
nothing to
do with my
parents of
the school!



I know
what shit
I did!



If you
don't like
it, come
shit on
me! ME!

The
fuck's
wrong
with
you!?

All you
fucking
do is kiss
the
student's
ass!





**Everyone
knows
I'm the
bad
kid....!!**

**What the
hell! How
come no-
one ever
scolds
me!!**



**Then tell me
what I
SHOULD do!
So I WON'T be
such a
nuisance!!**

**NO-ONE
EVEN
WANTS TO
TALK TO
ME?**

**AM I
THAT
MUCH OF
A NUIS-
ANCE?**



**Tell me
off!!**



**Stop
avoiding
me!!**

**Come
on...don't
act as if I
don't
exist....!!**



**Don't
just
leave me
with
myself
..!!**



COME ON
SCOLD ME...



WHAT
WAS
I...

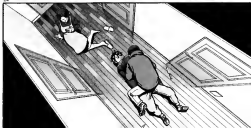


WHAT THE
HELL WAS I
DOING
UNTIL
NOW...



**Scold
me!!**







YES



DO YOU
THINK WHAT
YOU DID IS
WRONG...?

YON-
EDA
...



YES.



FEEL
SORRY,
FROM THE
BOTTOM
OF YOUR
HEART?

DO
YOU
REALLY
...



ARE
REALLY
SORRY...

IF
YOU
...



THEN YOU
ARE STILL
INNOCENT.



AND TAIJURA
SOUNJI'S
INNOCENCE
WAS
RESTORED.

THEREAFTER, YONEDA
MITSURU CONFESSED
TO THE POLICE THAT
HE FRAMED TAIJURA
SOUNJI IN THE
PEEPING INCIDENT -

ON THE OTHER HAND,
YONEDA'S MOTHER,
WHO SUFFERED A
SIMILAR CASE, DO
NOT FILE ANY
COMPLAINTS
AGAINST TAIJURA'S
FAMILY.

INCIDENTALLY, THE
SURVIVING FAMILY OF
TAIJURA'S WAS RULED
ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE
LOSSES SUFFERED BY
PRINCIPAL KAWASHIMA
AND HIS WIFE.

武蔵川区役所

IS
THAT
SO?

IN SHORT, HE
WAS
AUTOCRATIC TO
THE POINT THAT
TEACHERS AND
STAFF AVOID
HIM.

THAT
KAWASHIMA...
SEEMS LIKE HE
WAS A
DISREPUTABLE
PRINCIPAL FROM
THE START.

ISHI-
KAC-
HOU

R-
REALLY?

YEAH.

FUJIMOTO-
KUN...
TRUTH IS,
THAT KAWA-
SHIMA -

WAS A
CLASSMATE
OF MINE IN
COLLEGE.



MUCH AS
THAT
TAMURA
SQUARED,
HNT IT?

HE WAS REALLY
GOOD WITH THE
KIDS.
EVERYONE SAID
HE WAS AN
HONEST AND
KIND TEACHER.

IT WAS HIS DREAM
TO BECOME A
TEACHER. WHEN HE
GRADUATED, HIS
DREAM CAME TRUE.
HE WAS HIRED AS A
JUNIOR HIGH MATH
TEACHER.



HE USED
TO BE SO
ENTHUSIAS-
TIC ABOUT
EDUCATION...



BUT HE HAS
CHANGED OVER
THE YEARS. OF
COURSE, I
BARELY
RECOGNIZE HIM
NOW.



IT'S LIKE
OUR
SCHOOLS
...

ARE
POSSE-
SSED BY
EVIL...



GOOD
MORNING.





NICE DAY
TODAY,
ISN'T IT?



I HAVE
GOOD
NEWS.

AH, CAN
YOU
TELL?



KUBO-
SENSEI,
YOU LOOK
CHEERFUL
TODAY.

GOOD
MORN-
ING.



GOOD
NEWS...



I
SEE.

THAT'S
GREAT.

STAY
IT?



HE HAS
RECOVERED
FROM HIS
LOSS AND
MOVED ON
WITH HIS LIFE!
HE WROTE TO
THANK ME.



I GOT A
LETTER
TODAY.

IT WAS
SOMEONE FROM
A NATIONAL
PROSPERITY
SURVIVING
FAMILY WHO
RECEIVED
COUNSELLING
BEFORE.





PERHAPS THAT'S
WHY I'VE BEEN
HESITANT TO
SEEING MYSELF
GAIN HAPPINESS.

THE SUFFERING FAMILY HAS TO
COPE WITH MUCH SADNESS -
THAT'S WHY WE, WHO DELIVER
THE NEWS OF THEIR DEATH BY
NATIONAL PROSPERITY, MUST
REMEMBER THIS SADNESS AT
ALL TIMES.



BUT WHEN I TURN
AROUND, IT'S LIKE
I'VE DEVOTED
MYSELF TO THIS
JOB, JUST LIKE
THAT ENTHUSIASTIC
TEACHER.

I KNOW
NOBODY
REALLY POURS
THEIR HEART
OUT OVER THEIR
WORK
ANYMORE.

A
LITTLE
LATE.
GETTING
EVERYONE
FORGIVEN
TOO.



AND HERE I
THOUGHT I'VE
ALWAYS HATED
THIS LINE OF
WORK -

WELL, SINCE
THAT INCIDENT
WITH TAMURA-
SENSEI, HE
HASN'T STARTED
ANY TROUBLE.

LOOKS LIKE
MITSURU-KUN
HAD BEEN
SERIOUSLY
REFLECTING ON
HIS BEHAVIOUR.

3年1組

HALF
A
YEAR
LATER

八尾市立 中学校

I'M
REALLY
SORRY

HE GETS
SCOLDED
FOR IT OFTEN

I HOPE YOU
COULD BE
MORE
CONSCIOUS
OF YOUR
BEHAVIOUR IN
CLASS, YONEDA

AS A
THIRD
YEAR
STUDENT,

BUT, AS BEFORE, HE
STILL REPORTS AT
HIS TEACHERS IN
CLASS. HE ALSO
FREQUENTLY
FORGETS TO BRING
HIS HOMEWORK AND
SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

CHILDREN
ARE
INNOCENT.

ABOUT
HIS
MARKS.

YES.

.....



BUT NOW IT'S
ALMOST ON PAR
WITH HIS OTHER
SUBJECTS

ESPECIALLY
IN ENGLISH
HE
STRUGGLED
WITH IT IN HIS
JUNIOR
YEARS.

MITSUBU-
KUN HAS
BEEN
WORKING
REALLY
HARD.



ANY?

IF HE KEEPS THIS
UP, IT'S QUITE
POSSIBLE THAT HE
GET INTO HIS FIRST
CHOICE, HONJYAMA
SENSEI HIGH, NEXT
YEAR.

YES.



IS
THAT
RIGHT?



PERHAPS IT'S
ATONEMENT
FOR TANIGUCHI-
SENSEI WHO
TAUGHT YOU
ENGLISH?



OF
COURSE
NOT.





HIS
CLASSES
WERE
THE BEST.

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BUT ONCE WE GROW UP
AND LOOK BACK, MORE
THAN A HANDFUL OF US
WILL REALIZE THAT OUR
STARTING POINTS IN LIFE
WERE PRECISELY THAT
PLACE WE CALL SCHOOL.



WHAT WE LEARN
IN SCHOOL IS
MUCH, MUCH LESS
THAN WHAT WE
END UP LEARNING
IN REAL LIFE.



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Act 1



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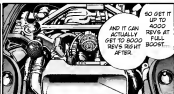


AND THEN
THERE'S SOME
CARVING DOWN
AND SWITCHING
TO PET PARTS
TO BRING THE
WEIGHT DOWN
TO TRACK.

TO STABILIZE THE
TEMPERATURE OF
THE GASOLINE
AND THE WATER,
THE RADIATOR
AND THE
INTERCOOLER
WERE
RECONFIGURED,
TOO.

I REPLACED
THE ENGINE
WITH A SIDE-
PORT ENGINE
AND ADDED A
TURBO-
CHARGER.

THIS
BABE'S
GOT A 2-
ROTOR
MOTOR
WITH 330
HP.



AND IT CAN
ACTUALLY
GET TO 8000
RPM'S RIGHT
AFTER.

SO GET IT
UP TO
4000
RPM'S AT
FULL
BOOST...



SHITLOAD'S,
MAN...I
COULD
TALK ALL
DAY.

TUNING
THE
BRAKES
AND THE
GROUND
CLEARANCE

WHAT ELSE...THE
HARDNESS AND
ABSORPTION OF
THE SUSPENSION,
THE ANGLE AND
SIZE OF THE
TIRES.



EVIL
ELDER
STREET
RACER
I
THOUGHT
HIGHTER
SOUNDS
MORE
COOL



A black and white comic book illustration of a sleek, futuristic sports car, possibly a McLaren P1, shown from a front-three-quarter view. The car is highly detailed with sharp lines and aerodynamic features. A speech bubble originates from the upper right side of the car. The background is dark and indistinct, suggesting an urban or nighttime setting. The overall style is that of a classic comic book panel.

THAT'S A
SECRET,
MY MAN.





イキガミ④

FOR A LITTLE BIT...







YOU DON'T LOOK TOO GOOD.

NAO-CHAN, YOU ALRIGHT?



THERE, RAJAB-SAN, YOUR RECEIPT.

THANKS.



DANGON' OK? IN A CLUB?

COME, I'LL BUY YOU DINNER.



...



THAT'S NO GOOD, RAJAB-SAN.

CALL ME ANY TIME.

THIS IS MY CARD...



1/2



HER DAUGHTER'S GOING TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE SPRING!

NAO-CHAN IS ALREADY MARRIED!





AHH.

HE DOESN'T EVEN
REALIZE HE'S
A FATHER.
HOW DOES
HE?

THOUGH,
RYUKTA-
KUN... SHOULD
REALLY TAKE
ON MORE
RESPON-
SIBILITY.



25.

HOW
OLD IS
HE
AGAIN?



...really?



STILL YOUNG.
GUESS HE'S
STILL IN THAT
PHASE.

WELL, I
HOPE HE
GROWS
OUT OF IT
SOON.





HOW
DID YOU
DO IT?

IT'S
LIKE A
MOVIE!

THAT
WAS
SOOO
COOL!



WHEN YOU GET
ENOUGH SPEED,
PULL THE SIDE
BRAKE. YOU'LL
START ROTATING.



THE
DRIFT?
IT'S
EASY.



DO IT
AGAIN!



AND
YOU'VE
GOT IT!

THEN YANK THE
STEERING WHEEL
AND FLOOR THE
ACCELERATOR...



HOW ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE CARE OF IT?

YOU'RE ONLY 17.

NAOKO, ABOUT THE CHILD.



IT'S COMMON SENSE IN THIS COUNTRY TO "RAISE A FAMILY ONLY AFTER THE 25TH BIRTHDAY."

WHAT IF YOU RECEIVE AN ERGAMP? WHAT WOULD YOUR CHILD DO THEN?

YOU'LL BE OF AGE FOR NATIONAL PROSPERITY NEXT YEAR AS WELL.



RYUGATA-KUN, DO YOU THINK YOU'RE READY?

PLEASE LET US MARRY! WE AND RYUGATA-KUN ARE GONNA WORK HARD TOGETHER.

I KNOW THAT! BUT I WANT MY BABY!



DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
THE
RESPONSIBILITIES
OF A PARENT?



YES. I'M
READY.



BULL-
SHIT
...!













WE DON'T
HAVE A
SAFETY
SEAT FOR
HER.



IT'S MY DREAM. IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT CAN SHUT OUT REALITY FOR ME...

THAT'S RIGHT, MY CAR IS MY LIFE.





EVEN MY WIFE
AND KID CAN'T
INTRUDE IN MY
PARADISE!



THAT'S WHAT
I'M LIKE.

I'M A LITTLE BUNT
THAT NEVER GROWS
UP, ALWAYS RUNS
AWAY, NEVER TAKES
RESPONSIBILITY---

DAMNIT, I
KNOW.



THERE
WOULDN'T BE
ANYMORE I
WOULD BELONG!

BUT IF MY CAR
IS TAKEN AWAY
FROM MY LIFE,
I WOULD BE
LOST!



fuck...
Down it
is!



AND I
ENDED UP
CLIPPING
ITSELF
OVER...

YES.
I'M
READY.







I THINK
THAT'S
WHAT
SHOWS
OUR
RESPECT
THE BEST.

THE
IMPORTANT
THING FOR US
IS TO DO OUR
JOB
HONESTLY...



YOU SAY
THAT TO
ME, BUT
THERE'S
NOT MUCH
I CAN DO,
EITHER.

BUT THE TRUTH
IS THE TRUTH.
YOU CAN'T HIDE
IT LIKE THIS.



ALRIGHT?
DON'T THINK
TOO MUCH
ABOUT IT.



BUT DOES THAT
REALLY MEAN
WE'RE LOSING
RESPECT FOR
THOSE WHO
DIE?

IF YOU THINK
ABOUT IT THAT
WAY, IT REALLY
IS A SHAME THAT
AFFILIATED
ORGANIZATIONS
ARE BUNDLING.



TRUE, IT'D BE REALLY
SAD IF AN INSURER
HOLDER CAN'T SPEND
HIS LAST DOLLAR THE
WAY HE WANTS TO
FOR FINANCIAL
REASONS.



AND THE
GOVERNMENT,
SENSING OUR
ANTIPATHY, IS TRYING
TO WRITE IT OFF BY
MANIPULATING THE
DATA...



PERHAPS THIS IS
HOW WE ARE
EXPRESSING
DISSSENT FOR THE
EXISTENCE OF A
LAW LIKE THE NFPA?



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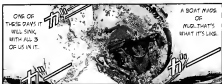




TVA
WORLD







ONE OF
THESE DAYS IT
WILL SINK,
WITH ALL 3
OF US IN IT.

A BOAT MADE
OF
MUD, THAT'S
WHAT IT'S LIKE.



I COULD
START OVER
AGAIN WITH
MINA.

IF I DO
IT NOW,
WITHOUT
RESULTS...



A
DIVORCE
—



AND I'M
RESPONSIBLE
FOR GIVING
ONE TO
HER—



MINA
DESERVES TO
HAVE A
NORMAL
CHILDHOOD,
AT LEAST...





IF YOU THINK
ABOUT IT,
THIS REAL
CAN ONLY END
ONE WAY.....
BAD!

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SOMEWHERE SAFE

Act 2







20 MIN REMAINING

P's AUTO



RYUKITA,
PHONE CALL
FOR YOU
FROM
FUMIKI
CORP.

AH,
OK



RYUKITA-
KUN, NAO-
CHAN
CALLED
THIS
MORNING,
EH?
SHE
WANTED
TO QUIT
HER JOB.



IS
SOME-
THING
UP?

OH,
HELLO

HE
TALK
IS
GOOD
RYUKITA



QUIT
HER
JOB?



THEN SHE SAID,
"THANK YOU
FOR
EVERYTHING
YOU'VE
DONE."

IT'S SO
SUDDEN, SO I
ASKED HER
WHY...SHE
DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING.

YEAH



I'LL
CALL
HER,
THOUGH.

N-NOT
THAT I
CAN
THINK
OF...



SHE DIDN'T
SOUND
TOO GOOD,
EITHER.

DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN
BETWEEN
YOU TWO?



WHY IN
THE
WORLD...

QUIT HER
JOB?



ISHIYAMA REPAIRING



MY MIND IS
BLANK, AND I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT I'M
GOING TO
DO.



IT'S BEEN 8
HOURS AND
I'M STILL
SHAKING...

SHE'S
STILL
LITTLE...



IT'S BORING
TO ME
AND LEAVING
MYSTERY
BEHIND



I HAVE TO
STAY WITH
HER...!



AND SHE
HAS
ASTHMA...



HER LIFE WILL
END UP BEING
SO MESSED
UP...

CAN I LEAVE HER WITH
THAT FLOODING ROOM
MAD? MUST-DEEP IN
DEBT

SHUT UP!
I'LL
THINK OF
SOME-
THING!



GET AN
ABOR-
TION.

IF I'D KNOWN
THIS WOULD
HAPPEN, I
WOULDN'T
LISTENED TO MY
PARENTS!!





I WOULDN'T BE
PAINED SO
MUCH! I
WOULDN'T FEEL
SO GUILTY!

IF I DIDN'T
HAVE HER, IT
WOULD BE
EASY TO DIE.

THERE'S NOTHING I
CAN DO NOW--



I'LL HAVE
TO LEAVE
HER WITH
MY
PARENTS



I'LL
CALL.



ME IN
GRADE
1!

LOOK,
I'M
DONE!







h^u
h^u

I
ABSOLUTELY
WON'T HAVE
IT!!

NO! I
WON'T LET
HER TAKE IT!

BUT LOOK
AT ME!!



EVEN IF THE
CHANCES
ARE 1 IN A
1000...

MINA WILL
RECEIVE AN
IKISAMI...

BAD THINGS
NEVER
COME
ALONE.

AND SUFFER
JUST LIKE
ME--

IN THE
BOOK
DOES
"GOOD
THINGS
NEVER
COME
BY
THEIRSELVES"
-NOT
SURE
IF
THAT'S
GOOD
THING
LIKE
THAT
OF
ENGLISH









THE
CAR'S
GONE!?



THEIR
SHOES ARE
GONE...



THE
KEY'S
GONE,
TOO...!











YOU'RE WELCOME. IT WAS RARE, SO I REMEMBER IT PRETTY CLEARLY...



REACH

I-IS THAT GOT THANK YOLL



SO SHE SHOWED HER KIGAMI.

YEAH... SHE DIDN'T BRING ANY MONEY.



RARE?



BUT THIS IS ACTUALLY THE FIRST CUSTOMER WE RECEIVED WITH AN KIGAMI.

WE WERE AFFILIATED WITH THE NPPA SINCE 3 YEARS AGO.



YOUR DATE
AND PLACE
OF BIRTH,
PLEASE?

I
SEE.

国語サービスセンター

CONFIRMED.
YOU MUST
SEE HER
HUSBAND,
SEKI
RYUKITA-
SAMA?

カネ

AH,
YES...

YEAH

AT
8:00AM
THIS
MORNING,
SEKI
NAOKO-
SAMA
RECEIVED
HER IKIGAMI.



NAOKO IS
GOING
TO DIE--



DO IT
AGAIN!



THAT'S
STUPID!



NO
WAY---





THE
NEAREST
ONE
IS...PORT
JUNIOR?

PORT...
PORT...



I'LL HAVE
TO FIND
THEM
FIRST...

HOLD ON, I
CAN'T CRY
NOW.



BUT THEN,
WHAT'S
HAKO
GONNA DO
WITH MINA
THERE...



WE'VE BEEN
MARRIED FOR SO
LONG, BUT I
DON'T KNOW
THAT AT ALL...

WHAT WOULD
SHE WANT TO
DO IN HER FINAL
MOMENTS...



AND WHY DID
SHE BRING
MUNA WITH
HER...



DO YOU
WANT TO
STARVE
OUR FAMILY
TO DEATH?

WE'RE
BARELY
PAYING
THE BILLS
NOW!



DO YOU
WANT US
TO DIE?

11H 45MIN REMAINING









I STILL HAVE
AN HOUR AND
A HALF. I
SHOULD BE
ABLE TO
MAKE IT.



THE SHIP
LEAVES
PORT AT
9:30PM.

BEFORE I GO, I
WILL SEND JUNA
AWAY WITH ME.



NO PROBLEM,
RAJAB-SAN
SAID. THERE'RE
GOOD HOSPITALS
THERE, TOO.



AND
ADOPT
HER AS
THEIR
DAUGHTER



I'LL ASK MY
PARENTS TO TAKE
HER BACK AFTER 7
YEARS, WHEN HER
DISAPPEARANCE IS
SETTLED AS "DEATH"



I WON'T
ALLOW MINA
TO REPEAT
MY FATE!



I WON'T
ALLOW THE
YACHT TO
TOUCH MINA.



THE ONLY WAY
TO DO THAT IS
TO SEND HER
AWAY FROM
THIS COUNTRY!



MAMA, A
POLICE
CAR!













IT CAN'T
SERIOUSLY
END THIS
WAY...

CAN IT?!

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PLEASE
STEP OUT
OF THE
CAR!





PLEASE,
LET US
THROUGH.

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SOMEWHERE SAFE

Act 3









SO SHE'S
GONNA TAKE
MINA WITH
HER...!!

IF MINA IS LEFT
WITH HER, HER
LIFE'LL BE ALL
PISSSED UP....



Fuck! How
can this
car ever
catch up
to her?!

I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE PISSSED
NAOKO
OFF...



IF
SOMETHING
HAPPENS TO
MINA, IT'S ALL
MY FAULT.



I UNDERSTAND
HOW YOU
FEEL, BUT
MINA IS MY
DAUGHTER
TOO!!

PLEASE,
NAOKO!
DON'T DO
ANYTHING
RASH!





MY LIFE HAS
HAD MEANING
BECAUSE OF
YOU.

MINA...
THANK YOU
FOR BEING
BORN.



AND
EVERY-
THING
CAN END

LET ME
GET MY
CHILD ON
THAT SHIP...



ALMOST
THERE...
ALMOST
THERE.



I WISH I
HAD MORE
TIME TO
SPEND WITH
YOU...



FIGHT WITH
YOU
SOMETIMES,
MAYBE.



GO SHOPPING
WITH YOU,
LISTEN TO
YOUR
TROUBLES...



I HAVE TO
LEAVE A
LITTLE
EARLY...I'M
SORRY.

BUT THAT
WON'T DO
NOW.



WHEN SHE
BOARDS THAT
SHE
EVERYTHING
WILL COME TO
AN END...







**A
truck!**



THE
DRIFT?
IT'S
EASY.





AND
YOU'VE
GOT
IT!





10H 40MIN RETAINING









**You're gonna
send Mina to
a country
where she
doesn't
understand
anything or
have anyone
to depend
on!?**

**Are you
out of
your
mind!?**



**I don't
want the
same thing
to happen
to my
child!**

**And if she
leaves now, she
can forget this
nightmare of
National
Prosperity...**

**Any-
thing's
better
than
you!?**

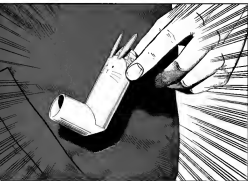


**Mina
won't be
getting
one!?**

**Only 1
out of
1000
receives
an
ikigami!**











IF SHE'S
THERE,
WITH SO
MUCH
DUST...

MINA
WOULD DIE
WITHOUT
EVEN
RECEIVING
AN IKIGAMI.

AND THE
MIDDLE
EAST...

IS AN
ENTIRE
DESERT!

AND THE
MIDDLE
EAST...

MINA
WOULD DIE
WITHOUT
EVEN
RECEIVING
AN IKIGAMI



I WILL...
MAKE
HER
HAPPY.

I WILL DEAL
WITH THE
CAR. I WILL
DEAL WITH
MY DEBTS.

COULD YOU
PLEASE
ENTRUST
MINA TO
ME?

MAYORO

COULD YOU
PLEASE
ENTRUST
MINA TO
ME?

I WILL...
MAKE
HER
HAPPY.

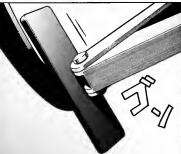
I WILL DEAL
WITH THE
CAR. I WILL
DEAL WITH
MY DEBTS.

I-I WONT OVER

FAIL
FOR
YOUR
LIES



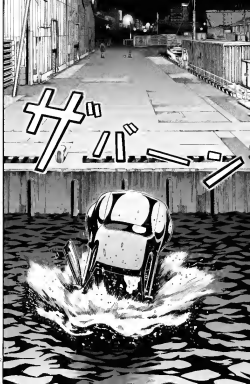
















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I LOVE
DADDY.



MINA

DO YOU
LOVE
YOUR
DADDY?



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フ



DADDY
ALSO
SAYS...

HE LOVES
MINA THE
MOST IN THE
WHOLE
WORLD.



IT WAS FUN
DRIVING
WITH MAMA
TODAY,
WASN'T IT?

YEAH!



IT'S
TIME...

TO GO
HOME.



MINA DID NOT UNDERSTAND THAT HER MOTHER HAD DIED, AND KEPT SNUGLING WITH HER.

SEN NAOKO RETURNED TO HER HOUSE AFTER THAT INCIDENT. SHE DIED WITH HER FAMILY AROUND HER THE NEXT DAY, AT 8:00 SHARP.

DURING THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY, MINA RECEIVED THE NATIONAL AFFAIRS VACCINATION, AS DID ALL OTHER SCHOOLCHILDREN.

TWO MONTHS LATER, MINA ENTERED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

HOWEVER, SINCE HE FILED FOR PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY, THE AMOUNT HE HAS TO PAY BACK WAS DRASTICALLY REDUCED.

川蔵武 酒屋

ON THE OTHER HAND, SENI PRUTHI WAS CHARGED FOR THE CRIMES NAOKO COMMITTED BEFORE HER DEATH, INCLUDING DANGEROUS DRIVING AND DAMAGING PUBLIC PROPERTY.





NO
WAY
...

THAT'S
WHAT I
HEARD.

THEY
WERE
WAITING
ON THE
SHIP...

FOR
THAT
CHILD.



SO THE
POLICE...

WERE
RESTRICTED
FROM
CHASING
HER.

IT'D BE
TROUBLE SOME IF
THIS MATTER WAS
HANDLED BY THE
REGIONAL POLICE
AS A DANGEROUS
DRIVING CASE...



WAS
ZERO
FROM THE
VERY
BEGINNING.

EVEN IF
THE FATHER
DIDN'T
OBJECT,

THE CHANCE
THAT THEIR
DAUGHTER
COULD ESCAPE
TO A FOREIGN
COUNTRY...



WE ALL LIVE IN
THE HOPES THAT
WE "SHOULD" BE
ONE OF THE 999
THAT GETS TO
LIVE.

HAVE A
GOOD
NIGHT.

CITIZENS OF THIS
COUNTRY NEVER
IMAGINE THEMSELVES
OR THEIR FAMILY
MEMBERS TO BE
THOSE THAT RECEIVE
THE 1 OUT OF 1000
IKIGAMI...

AND THE
"PROBABILITY"
RULES THEIR
THOUGHTS AND
ACTIONS.

BUT ONCE AN
IKIGAMI IS
RECEIVED, THOSE
"CHANCES" LOSE
MEANING—

AND THE
OTHER 999
THAT WILL
NEVER
ALLOW IT.

THE ONE PERSON
THAT BELIEVES IN
THE "PROBABILITY"
AND WANTS HER
CHILD TO ESCAPE
THE COUNTRY,

IN THE END,
WHAT I REALLY
DELIVER IS THE
"PROBABILITY OF
DESPAIR" - THE
IKIGAMI—









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MAMA...

VERY GOOD,
NAKAZAKURA-
KUN.



SO HE
CAN'T
COME.

PAPA HAS
TO
WORK...

MAMA IS
WATCHING
MINA FROM
THE SKY...



MAMA
TURNED
INTO A
STAR.





THEN, WHO
WOULD LIKE
TO READ
THE TEXT
OUT LOUD
FOR US?



SO SHE
CAN'T
COME!



MINA...

DO YOU
LOVE YOUR
DADDY?



DADDY
ALSO
SAYS...



HE LOVES
MINA THE
MOST IN THE
WHOLE
WORLD

PAPA...!

BUT LOVE,
PERHAPS,
IS RIGHT
BY YOU.

RIGHT NOW,
NOWHERE ON
EARTH CAN
BE
ABSOLUTELY
SAFE—

BY THE WAY,
COUNTING FROM THE
INITIAL
IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE NPRA, THERE
HASN'T BEEN A SINGLE
CASE WHERE BOTH
PARENT AND CHILD
RECEIVED IGATIS.

THIS IMAGE
MAKES ME
HAPPY WITH
THE WAY IT
ENDED THIS
ARC.



I CAN
REALLY
ONLY SAY
THIS FOR
THIS
CHAPTER....

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